

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Abbey Brooks Stoker,
2008 Valedictorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Abbey Brooks Stoker is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Abbey Stoker has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Abbey has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Council, Rotary Interact Club, FCCLA, Pep Club, FFA, Spanish Club, Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta, STARS Club, Chorus, and Yearbook Staff; in addition, she has utilized her talents as a football statistician; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young lady has demonstrated great leadership acumen as President of the Senior Class, President of the Dresden High School Student Council, Treasurer of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Yearbook Editor; the reigning Miss Dresden 2008, Abbey was selected First Maid at the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Territorial Revue and served on the Executive Board of the 29th Annual Tennessee Iris Festival; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stoker has rendered sterling service as a delegate to the 61st Session of Volunteer Girls State, where she was elected City Mayor, and as a participant in the First State Bank Youth Leadership Class of Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Abbey Stoker has been named the DAR Good Citizen of Dresden High School, the DAR Good Citizen of Weakley County, and the Chickasaw Region DAR Good Citizen Essay winner; and

WHEREAS, she has earned numerous other accolades, including first place in the Delta Kappa Gamma Essay Contest, Woodmen of the World History Award, Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Outstanding Student Appreciation Award, Service Learning Award, as well as subject awards in Physics, Honors English IV, U.S. Government, Chemistry, Biology II, and Algebra II; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting a commitment to her community, Ms. Stoker has volunteered for Santa's Helpers, the Lifeline Blood Mobile, Northwest Tennessee Veterinary Services, and the Tennessee Iris Festival and lent her talents to fundraisers supporting the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Abbey evinces her devout religious faith as an active member of Lebanon Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Stoker's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Abbey's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Bobby Stoker and Stacey Westbrook Stoker, her grandparents, Fred and Lillian Stoker and Jimmy and Donna Westbrook, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Abbey Stoker's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Abbey Brooks Stoker, 2008 Dresden High School Valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.